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Gentlemen:

Your letter to the Office of the Director dated October 18, 1963, has been referred to me for reply. The Central Intelligence Agency does contract for basic and applied research effort in both the physical and life sciences areas; as you would expect, such research is directed ultimately toward the evaluation of foreign capabilities, particularly the Sino-Soviet Bloc countries.

Over the years, we have developed relationships with a number of universities, institutes, and companies which satisfy our present needs, but we continually survey additional sources as our interests change or groups express a desire to participate in our program.

May I suggest that, with the above in mind, you describe to us the types of research which you feel is interested in and particularly capable of performing. These descriptions can be broad and general--the intended usage is to circulate them throughout a number of divisions for expressions of interest by our scientists and engineers. From this survey, we can determine future courses of action.

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We extend our thanks to you for interest in this Agency and its work.

Very truly yours,



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